

TO : Chief of Base, Berlin EGGA-1108  
 INFO : COS/G EE FE MOB/LD FOB 32W 5-29/2  
 FROM : Chief of Base, Hamburg 20 November 1958  
 SUBJECT: Operational/LCHARVEST/CAHELM No Indexing Required  
 Emil HOFFMANN and the Deutsche China-Gesellschaft

ACTION REQUIRED: See Paragraph 3.

REFERENCE: EGGA-1078, dated 23 October 1958

1. As reported in Reference, the September executive committee meeting of the Deutsche China-Gesellschaft was marked by attacks on Wolf SCHENKE's leadership. Emil Fridolin HOFFMANN (residing Berlin-Zehlendorf, Forststrasse 14, tel: 842450) was Schenke's bitterest critic. On 10 November 1958 a special Vorstand session was held to consider Joachim HERTSLET's formal request to expel Hoffmann from the DCG. Hoffmann also attended the session. Hertslet, who is not a member of the Vorstand, was not present. Hermann SCHWANN was not present but had written a letter recommending conciliatory action toward Hoffmann. At the session, Eduard SOLICH and Fritz HANDGE pleaded for conciliation. Wolf SCHENKE argued for expelling Hoffmann but when faced with opposition from most of the Vorstand members present finally gave in. Hoffmann made an official apology and thus the affair was technically ended and Hoffmann remains in the advisory committee of the DCG.

2. According to CAHELM, Hoffmann's criticism of Schenke has been followed by a growing dissatisfaction with Schenke among other DCG members, chiefly because of his Neue Politik publication, but also to a certain extent because of alleged poor management of DCG affairs. CAHELM expects Hoffmann to continue to intrigue against Schenke within the DCG.

3. We cannot judge whether Hoffmann would be susceptible to a KUBARK approach but BOB may wish to consider it. It is possible, of course, that Hoffmann is already working for UPSWING, the Chinese Embassy in Berlin, or with the MfS. We have no objection to BOB's approaching Hoffmann but would appreciate prior consultation with us in order to protect CAHELM.

Attachment: h/w  
 Copy of Ref. for BOB

Distribution:  
 BOB-2 w/Att.  
 COS/G-2 w/o Att.  
 EE-2 w/o Att.  
 FE-2 w/o Att.  
 MOB/LD-2 w/o Att.  
 FOB-2 w/o Att.

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY  
 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
 SOURCES METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2  
 NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
 DATE 2005  
 S-E-C-R-E-T

X REF FORM FILED  
 IN: [ ]

CS COPY

BEST AVAILABLE COPY